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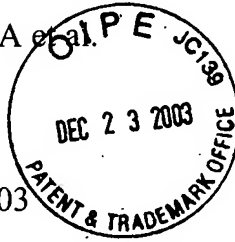
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For : MOLD COMPONENT AND MOLD ASSEMBLY



Group Art Unit:

Examiner:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98,  
Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Patent Publication No. 9-193206, published July 29, 1997, and which was  
discussed on page 4 of Applicants' specification, along with an English language Abstract  
thereof;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 2003-011169, published January 15, 2003, along with  
an English language Abstract thereof; and

Japanese Patent Publication No. 9-123229, published May 13, 1997, along with an  
English language Abstract thereof.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending U.S. patent applications:

10/670,375, in the name of A. KOYAMA et al., entitled "Intermediate for Optical Recording Medium, Mold, Molding Apparatus, and Method of Manufacturing Optical Recording Medium", filed September 26, 2003.

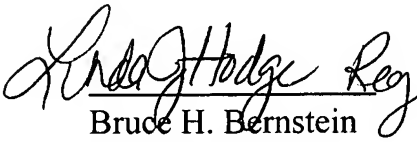
Copies of the applications are provided herewith in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii).

The Examiner is respectfully requested to obtain and review the above listed co-pending applications and the prior art of record, if any, cited therein.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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